

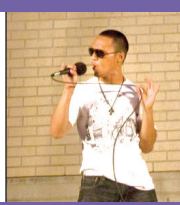


**THE EDGE**

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## Jenkins to host town hall meeting

**By Jason Miller**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

U.S. Rep. Lynn Jenkins, R-Kan., will be host to a town hall meeting at 10 a.m. today. The event, which will be at the Wamego Senior Center at 501 Ash St. in Wamego, is a part of the Congresswoman's August "Congress to Kansas" Listening Tour.

Jenkins has spent the latter half of August visiting communities throughout the Second District to have town hall meetings. In all, Jenkins will visit 25 counties.

"I have been in Kansas almost every weekend since January, and being home this month will let me spend even more time with the good folks of Kansas," Jenkins said in a press release.

The main focus of the discussion is likely to be health care reform, just as many debates around the country have focused on. Jenkins is also expected to address government spending, the national debt and expansion of the federal government.

## City commission to discuss new tax

**By Corene Brisendine**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The Manhattan City Commission is scheduled to have a special meeting tonight for two items on the agenda that require action.

The approval of a tax increase of one percent to transient guests and the authorization for the use of eminent domain for the development of the intersection at East Poyntz and McCall Road require action by the commission.

According to the agenda, the current "bed tax" for guests staying in local hotels and motels is at five percent. The one percent increase is to help supplement revenue of the new Flint Hills Discovery Center scheduled to be built in the downtown redevelopment project. The total tax paid for a bed in Manhattan will rise from 12.77 percent to 13.77 percent if passed.

The second agenda item affects several local businesses at the intersection of East Poyntz and McCall Road. The agenda proposes a widening of the intersection and the incorporation of a turning lane.

Jon Murdock Chevrolet, Alteca LTD, Bates Dance Studio and The McCall Pattern Company, will lose available space for parking and aesthetic bordering if the agenda item is passed.

"McCall road needs something. There's no doubt about it," said Jon Murdock, owner of Jon Murdock Chevrolet. "I just want to make sure it won't interfere with the flow of traffic in and around my property."

Murdock said he was in negotiations with the city and working with an engineer to develop the intersection in such a way that it would not limit access from McCall Road into his business. He also said he would have to move the main display of his business as a result of the intersection improvements.

# What recession?

## Riley least economically stressed county in nation

**By Tiffany Roney**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

The economic recession has been difficult for almost everyone – from graduates struggling to find jobs to middle-aged adults facing layoffs. However, in light of an analysis done by The Associated Press, those living in Riley County might have more to be thankful for than they realize.

The analysis, known as the "AP Economic Stress Index," measured the combined effect of unemployment, foreclosures and bankruptcy in 3,100 U.S. counties, all with 25,000 or more residents. The result: Riley County is the least economically stressed county in the United States.

"Our sales tax numbers are down somewhat from last year, and we've seen less people buy vehicles, but on a whole, we are much better off than any of the other counties in the state," said Eileen King, Riley County treasurer.

"With the military and the university being the major sources of the people's income, the recession hasn't affected us as much," King said. "Because of those two items, we have a very stable work force and economy."

The goals of the stress index are to analyze what factors brought the nation into a recession, track how those factors change over time, judge whether the economy is actually getting better and to "pinpoint precisely where the recovery has its roots," said Kristin Gazlay, the AP's managing editor for business news and global training, in a news release.

The stress index rates each county on a 0-100 scale, with 100 indicating a worst-case scenario. The county most affected by the recession is Imperial County in California with a score of 30.98, versus just 4.05 in Riley County.

While Riley County is ranked first for the month of August, the numbers may fluctuate – the AP refigures the variables for each county every month.

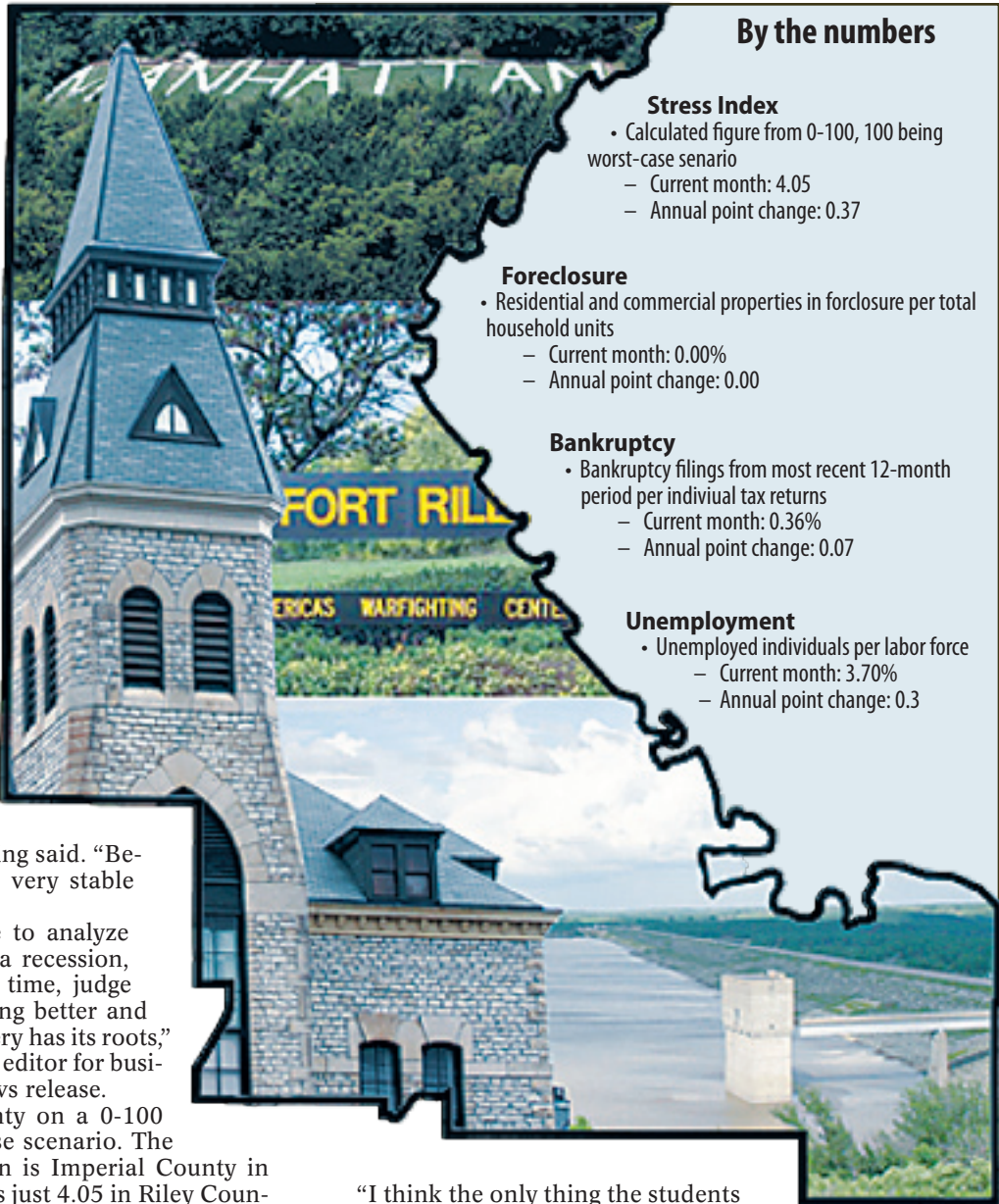
"We will probably see continued evidence of national economic problems occurring here because, generally, those things come later to the Midwest and to Kansas than to the coasts and other bordering states," said Bruce Snead, mayor of Manhattan.

"I think we will see additional indications of downturn in the economy in local businesses and enterprises," Snead said. "I hope that it's minimal, but it wouldn't be surprising for that to occur."

In contrast to Snead's prediction of a future downturn, King said she predicts a rise in the economy, especially for Manhattan.

"I look for it to stay pretty stable from now until the end of the year," she said. "The university has had some cutbacks, but students are still coming. In the long term, when the [National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility] comes in, I see a big up-tick in things here. It's not all gloom and doom – we'll keep our fingers crossed."

Despite the positives of NBAF's arrival, Kelli McMurphy, president of the K-State Student Finance Association and senior in finance, acknowledged the high probability of the recession continuing, which would affect students.



"I think the only thing the students are going to be affected by is the job market that's out there with the economy right now, especially in the Midwest," McMurphy said. "The '08 and '09 job market was tougher for those who graduated than in the past. Some employers are still suggesting that offers and salaries may be lower continuing through the 2009-10 class."

Though she has at least two years until graduation, Katelyn Farley, sophomore in public relations, said she felt the effects of the recession while doing her back-to-school shopping at Target in Manhattan.

"You have to save money, so you're looking at the sales racks a lot more," Farley said. "Then, after you look, you see the prices, and you just walk away. It's like, 'nope, I don't have the money right now.'"

While the Manhattan economy is faring well overall, Snead was quick to acknowledge those who might feel differently because of their personal experiences.

"Putting a good face on our overall economic picture does not diminish the fact that there are people who are struggling and have suffered in the local economy," Snead said. "We're doing what we can to try and address those issues through sustaining social services and encouraging the Chamber [of Commerce] and others to work to help those who have lost their jobs or are otherwise experiencing difficulty, especially in access to opportunities and resources that will help them make it through."

## Lafene takes precautions against swine flu



**Staff Report**

K-State officials have put H1N1 (swine) flu precautionary efforts into high gear.

Dr. Robert Tackett, Lafene medical director, has announced the health center's first lab-confirmed case of H1N1 virus at K-State, according to a Monday press release from K-State Media Relations. In the week of Aug. 16-22, the first case was confirmed, and a second student with flu-like symptoms visited Lafene.

Tackett said the two students live off-campus and have been asked to isolate themselves until their fevers and other flu-like symptoms have subsided for at least 24 hours.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site, H1N1 symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some have also reported diarrhea and vomiting.

K-State officials have asked students and staff with flu-like symptoms to stay home and not attend class or work. Anyone who becomes ill should go home immediately.

Though the illness can last up to a week, most can recover without medical care. Anyone with especially severe symptoms should visit Lafene.

Lafene Health Center sent a mass e-mail to students and faculty members, and the university is using several forms of communication to keep the K-State community aware of the risks, as well as preventative measures.

The e-mail said anyone visiting Lafene with a cough, body aches, a sore throat or a headache will be asked to put on a mask at the check-in area.

Anyone with questions and concerns about H1N1 can call Lafene at 785-532-6595.

When the H1N1 vaccine becomes available, Lafene will offer vaccination clinics.



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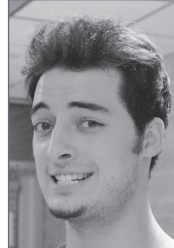
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**The K-State Inline Hockey Club**  
will hold its first meeting of the year at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Waters 137. All interested students and current members should attend. Pizza will be provided.

**The Career and Employment Services** Backyard BBQ will be held on Wednesday in the CES Backyard from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If there is rain, the event will be held at Bosco Plaza Terrace.

**The Part-Time Opportunities Fair** will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday in the K-State Student Union Ballroom. The event is promoted by Career and Employment Services.

**All new students** are invited to the K-State Alumni Center from 3-9 p.m. Thursday for free ice cream, to learn about the K-State Alumni Association's student programs and for a chance to win a textbook scholarship and other prizes.

**Intramural entries** for flag football, soccer, individual singles sports, and tailgate games tournament will be accepted Aug. 27-Sept.

**3** in the administrative office at the Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, call 785-532-6980 or go online to [recservices.k-state.edu](http://recservices.k-state.edu).

**The City of Manhattan Parks and Recreation** Department is in need of volunteer coaches for the following youth sports: soccer, flag football, volleyball and cheerleading. Practices will begin on Monday and the regular season will start on Sept. 14 and run approximately through the end of October. If anyone is interested in gaining coaching experience or donating their time for local youth sports they can contact the Parks and Recreation office at 785-587-2757, or stop by the office at 1101 Fremont in City Park. For further information, contact Jeff Mayer at [mayer@ci.manhattan.ks.us](mailto:mayer@ci.manhattan.ks.us) or Josh Maike at [maike@ci.manhattan.ks.us](mailto:maike@ci.manhattan.ks.us).

**Rec Services** seeks officials for intramural flag football and soccer. Starting pay is \$7.75. The training clinic for flag football will be at 5 p.m. Sept. 1-3. The clinic for soccer will be at 6 p.m. Sept. 8-9. To qualify, attend all sessions for each sport at the Peters Recreation Complex. For more information, contact Armando Espinoza at 785-532-6980.

**Rec Fest** will be at the Peters Recreation Complex from 6-8 p.m. Sept. 1. Participate in free fitness testing, sample BOSU, indoor cycling, group fitness mini-sessions and new equipment. Meet personal trainers and sport clubs representatives and sign up for intramurals. Student ID or facility membership required. For more information, call 785-532-6980.


**Group fitness sessions** offered by Recreational Services at the Natatorium and Peters Recreation Complex will begin Sept. 2. The schedule will be available online at [recservices.k-state.edu](http://recservices.k-state.edu) by 5 p.m. Aug. 24.

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**THERE WAS AN ERROR IN THE AUG. 24 ISSUE.**  
  
K-State Athletics will not announce the name of the student section before the first football game of the season.  
The Collegian regrets the error.  
  
If you see something that should be corrected or clarified, call news editor Sarah Rajewski at 785-532-6556 or e-mail [news@spub.ksu.edu](mailto:news@spub.ksu.edu).

**DAILY BLOTTER**



To view the daily arrest report from the Riley County Police Department, go to the Collegian Web site, [kstatecollegian.com](http://kstatecollegian.com).

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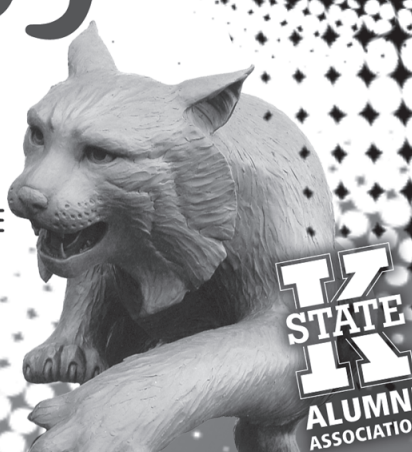
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SUMMER OBITUARIES

Family treasures memories of free-spirited son, brother

**By Hannah Blick**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Though her son is gone, Lori Bishop has found comfort in a single, yellow butterfly that flutters around his grave in Sunrise Cemetery.

Several days after his funeral, Lori visited the grave to talk to her son alone.

"All of a sudden, from under the clumps of the dirt, came this yellow butterfly, and there was no markings on it whatsoever," she said. "It was solid yellow, it came up from under the clumps, and it circled around and then it went back down under the clumps."

Lori said she knew it was a sign from her son.

Shane Andrew Bishop, sophomore in pre-journalism and mass communications, died Aug. 6 from unknown complications. He was

found in his Manhattan apartment on Aug. 10.

Shane was close with his mother, Lori Bishop, Manhattan, and younger brothers Grant Bishop, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Jordan Bishop, senior in mechanical engineering at K-State.

His family said Shane enjoyed many activities, including cooking, hiking, playing the guitar, writing and reading.

"He was so far advanced for his age – he liked erector sets at 2," Lori said. "I sent him to preschool when he was 4, and Shane could read by the time he was 3."

Lori said this love for reading blossomed into a love for writing, and Shane won contests and had work published.

"When he was 3 or 4, the grocery store was sponsoring a Mother's Day contest," Lori said. "You had to write about your mom, and he wrote

it in his own handwriting, in his own words, and he won the contest.

"I'll never forget that. It means the world to me."

Shane worked as a reporter for the Collegian during the 2008-09 school year, covering events and writing feature stories on local personalities. Lori said her son enjoyed studying journalism at K-State, and it was always his goal to graduate from the university.

Shane also cared about animals; Lori said he wanted to be a veterinarian when he was a boy. He rescued his basset hound Zoe from the T. Russell Reitz Regional Animal Shelter in Manhattan two years ago.

"He went to the shelter and was going to get another dog, and then he saw Zoe and saw the way she looked at him and knew he needed to take Zoe, and they went everywhere together," she said. "He just didn't go anywhere without Zoe. She was definitely his best friend."

Lori and Grant said Zoe was all Shane usually needed in life.

"Shane was never about possessions," Lori said. "He just didn't think he needed anything – he's more about enjoying life."

His family described his traveling adventures, from living in Kansas City, Mo., to Portland and Santa Cruz, Calif.

Grant said his brother was spontaneous and taught his family to enjoy life and not take it so seriously.

"Nothing scared Shane. He was outside the box," Lori said.

Grant said he will miss Shane's gentle nature – the way he loved every person he met.

"For me, he was more of a listener, you could just like cry out to him and tell him everything, he'd just sit there and listen, not say anything," Grant said.

Jordan and Grant both said their strong faith in God is what's

getting them through their loss. Jordan said Shane mentored and encouraged him when he was a teenager, showing him what it meant to be a strong Christian.

"It was the largest impact he had on me, and it has helped me a lot to this day," he said.

Though he'd been out of the house for many years, Lori said her son still called to talk nearly every day and stopped by to check on her just as much.

The day after she saw the yellow butterfly on her son's grave, Lori returned for another visit, this time with her sister.

"We were talking about his friends and Zoe, and the butterfly came out again and this time was flying all over the cemetery, happy-go-lucky," she said. "I knew it was Shane telling me he was OK, that it would be all right."

"And it was just like him, a free spirit."

Graduate student dies in hospital

Senior perishes in July auto fire

Accident takes student's life

**By Karen Ingram**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A K-State student died over the summer.

David Bradley Sewell, senior in secondary education, died on Aug. 8 at Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was 29.

Sewell had already graduated from K-State in 2004 with a degree in Park Management and Conservation. A year later, he received a double lung and liver transplant. His experiences afterward working with students as a paraeducator inspired him to return to school and pursue a degree in education.

Sewell participated in many activities and organizations. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pratt, Kan., was a member of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, spent three summers working for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, and worked with 4-H children. Earlier this year, he organized a fundraiser for the Heartland Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Sewell was buried in Greenlawn Cemetery in Pratt. Memorials may be made to the 4-H Foundation David Sewell Fund or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in care of Larrison Mortuary, 300 Country Club Road, Pratt, KS 67124.

**By Karen Ingram**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A K-State student died in an automobile fire this summer.

Christopher "Chris" Garlow, 21, died in the early morning hours of July 16 from "inhalation of hot fumes and gases" when the engine of his 2002 BMW 330XI accidentally caught fire, according to a July 17 article from the Manhattan Mercury.

Riley County Police responded to a call about a possible car fire at 6:05 a.m. and found the vehicle completely engulfed in flames. After the fire was extinguished, Garlow's body was found inside. His death has been ruled an accident.

**By Karen Ingram**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Garlow was a senior in business management and was involved in many activities on campus, including Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, Greeks Actively Pursuing Spirituality and Navigators.

His passions included soccer and singing, and was accomplished at both. His rendition of "Lean On Me" is a popular clip on YouTube.com.

He was buried in his hometown of Salina on July 20 next to his grandfather, Burtis Garlow.

To honor his memory, his family has created the Christopher Garlow "Lean On Me" Inspirational Award for Boys State first-year counselors. Garlow was a summer counselor at Boys State from 2006-09.

**By Karen Ingram**  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A K-State student died earlier this month from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Rita Gisela Perez, 22, was a passenger in a Jeep that was northbound on Kansas Highway 34. The driver failed to negotiate a curve, entered the west ditch and went airborne over U.S. Highway 400, according to the Kansas Highway Patrol. The vehicle landed in a field north of U.S. 400 and rolled.

Perez was a senior in dietetics and a McNair Scholar.

She was born on Dec. 19, 1986, in Mexico. She moved with her family to Garden City, Kan., in 1998 and graduated from Garden City High School in 2005. She worked with diabetic children in Manhattan and Wichita and was an active member of her church in Garden City, the Iglesia Cristiana Hispana.

She is survived by her parents and two brothers.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rita Gisela Perez Memorial Fund, in care of Garnand Funeral Home, 412 N. 7th St., Garden City, KS, 67846.

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# Parking hitch

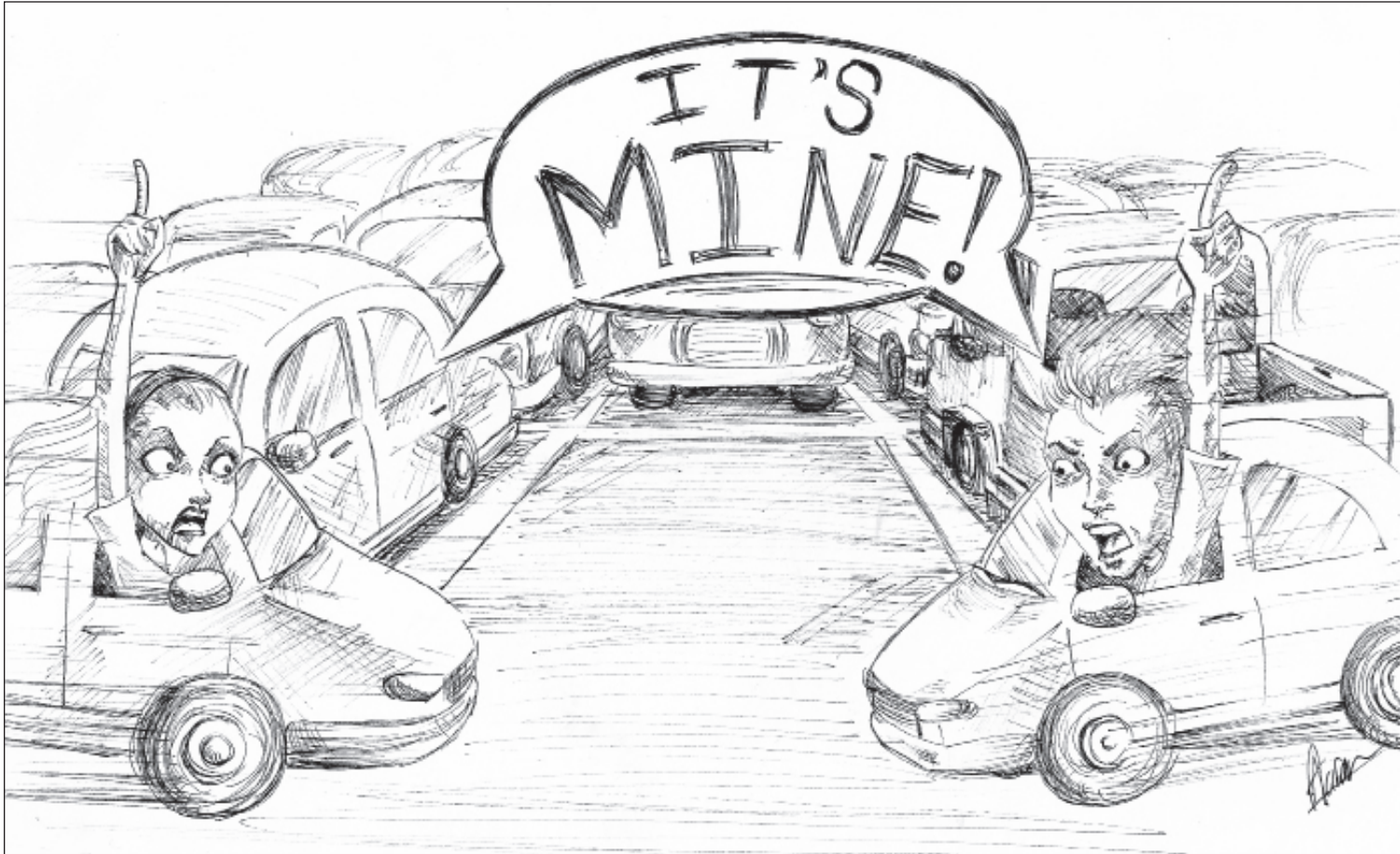


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## Parking problems remain despite new garage

The parking garage is done. Well ... almost done. One would assume the almost completed parking garage would mean that parking would become easier and cheaper. Unfortunately, that did not happen.

It is wrong to assume that with the parking garage quasi-finished, our days of making two or three trips around the parking lot trying to find a parking spot are over. We are not going to have our pickings of perfect parking spots, nor will our fights for that last parking spot in the lot be a thing of the past. While the sky-walk is still under construction, the top two floors of the garage are inaccessible and unusable.

With classes starting this week and two floors of parking spots still under construction, most students will be hard-pressed to find a parking spot in the garage if they arrive on campus after 8 a.m.

Parking Services might tell us that the sky-walk will be done by the end of

the month or by the end of September, but what they really mean is that the final parking garage will not be done until snow starts hitting the ground. Perhaps I am being pessimistic, but they have not given me any reason to be hopeful.

Even when the parking garage is actually finished, we are still going to have to fight for that last parking spot in the lot. Since there are assumedly more parking spots on campus, those who walked or biked to campus last year (mainly because they were fed up with the parking situation) are going to be driving to campus again.

It is simple economics; as the supply of parking spots increase, the cost of acquiring parking spots decreases, and the equilibrium shifts to the left. In other words, because there are more parking spots available, the costs (i.e. time and money) of finding a parking spot decreases, and more people are going to be driving to campus.

Not only is it wrong to assume the new parking garage would mean more parking spots, it is also wrong to assume parking will be cheaper or even the same price.

It might seem like basic economics that as the supply of parking spots goes up, the price of parking spots will go

down. However, basic economic principles apparently do not apply to parking spots in the garage, since it now costs more per parking pass for students and staff who want to park in the parking garage. Not only do they have to pay for a general parking pass, they also have to pay extra for an RFID card, (which allows vehicles access to the parking garage).

It is frustrating that the parking garage, which is supposed to make parking on campus more convenient, has done everything but that. There are less parking spots on campus, and it costs more to park in the garage.

However, not all hope is lost for an easy and stress-free commute to campus. Instead of driving and fighting for parking spots on campus, you can leave a bit earlier and walk or bike to campus. Not only will you avoid the headache that is parking on this campus, you will decrease the carbon footprint on the world, and you will also get some exercise so you can impress that guy or gal in your chemistry lecture.

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MOLLY MCGUIRE

## Democrats lacks voice, action in health care battle

If you've read the paper, watched television or gone online in the past two months, you have probably heard about the angst of "everyday" Americans in town hall meetings. They believe their government is shifting toward socialism, their taxes could be increased and that universal health care is an evil in itself.

Well let me tell you about my angst. I'm furious about my party: the Democrats. I'm especially mad at Barack Obama, "the Beloved One," who suggested a public option wasn't important to a universal health care plan last week. In plain English, the Obama administration suggested that universal health care could happen without a government health care provider. This is improbable and likely impossible.

The Democratic party needs to get its stuff together and sell universal health care to the public with a strong public option. This is unlikely however, and here is why:

The Democrats are pansies. My party is so full of sissies that people being angry is making them say things that are stupid like, "We don't have to have a public option" to have a universal health care plan. The Democrats clearly have forgotten that if you can't take the heat, you shouldn't be in the kitchen. I suspect the American people will remind them by electing Re-

publican Congress members and governors in 2010.

Even in matters of truth, the Democrats are unable to effectively state their points. President Obama has repeatedly said the funding for the health care overhaul will come from reorganizing bureaucratic institutions already in existence, and then by taxing those who make over \$250,000 a year. The problem is Republicans are shouting, and Democrats are trying to have "discussions." If you are in a shouting match, shout.

The Democrats also suck because they are unable to convince the American people that the government can do good things. The Right has mouthpieces like Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and Ann Coulter who regularly argue that government is bad. To the contrary, government can do good things.

What? The government can do good things? Am I serious you ask? Consider the following: You drink clean water because of the government. You drive into K-State from highways like Interstate 70 because the government built those roads. You are protected from harm, because of the government and the military. You also are at a state institution; you wouldn't be reading this paper if it weren't for government.

The Democrats really suck though because they refuse to argue in the defense of life. They repeatedly say that people have a "right to health care." Health care is a product sold to consumers at present, Democrats need to point out that people

have the right to life.

Democrats need to get Conservatives on board with universal health care. If Conservatives support the life of a unborn children, they ought to protect the living. Democrats need to argue a vote against health care is a vote against life. I assure you it is.

Maybe you believe in personal responsibility. What about sick children, old people and working people who can't afford various health expenses? Are the children to die for what many say is the failure of an individual? The census bureau estimates that 45.7 million U.S. citizens don't have health care. According to the Children's Defense Fund, 9 million children are uninsured.

Democrats need to be "pro-life" right now.

So let me be clear in asking: is it OK for people to die, because we're scared of government and taxes? I've heard frequently that life is sacred. In fact, I almost always hear it from social conservatives. When a fetus is aborted, society yells murder. The truth is, the Americans who are yelling in these town halls are promoting murder. I'm a Conservative Democrat, not a weak, pinko Communist, but I am a Democrat who just might be more pro-life than you.

This is a time to be pro-life, and Democratic leadership is just missing the mark.

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As an alumnus from Kansas State University who took from 1984 to 1996 to graduate with a bachelor's, I must say it is certainly heartening to see that some things never change, like Page 1 of the Collegian having a misspelling in the picture on the lowercase. "Symbols" when referring to band. Cymbals is spelled c-y-m-b-a-l-s, not s-y-m-b-o-l-s. Although, cymbals can be symbolic; this is symbolic of a tradition that never ends.

When I was a kid, we had a quicksand box in the backyard. I was an only child ... eventually.

I see the billboard on Highway 70 has been taken care of. Good job, team.

Goal one for the new year of K-State: get into the Fourum every day.

Skirt + bicycle = no one wants to see that.

To all the girls at the freshmen barbecue who like chai tea: way to make it look like there was a big booger in the middle of the freshmen picture.

So, I'm sitting in the middle of campus, and my roommate just randomly reaches over, says "mer heh" and grabs my boob. Awkward?

Freshmen: free entertainment for the first week.

Hey, DU. Serenading twice still does not make you cool.

Speaking for all the guys around campus, we'd like to thank all the wonderful ladies for the overabundance of eye candy.

I was not born with enough middle fingers.



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### TO THE POINT

## Collegian dedicated to online news, multi-media

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# McCain to host play auditions



Melissa Newman | COLLEGIAN  
Students perform a dance audition for K-State’s upcoming production of “Guys and Dolls” in Nichols Hall Monday evening. There are more auditions tonight in McCain Auditorium. Everyone is welcome to audition. Opening night of “Guys and Dolls” will be Nov. 12, running through Nov. 14 at 7:30 p.m., and Nov. 15 at 2:30 p.m. The music and lyrics for “Guys and Dolls” was composed by **Frank Loesser**, and the authors are **Jo Swerling** and **Abe Burrows**. For more information please visit K-State’s Theatre Web site at [k-state.edu/theater](http://k-state.edu/theater).

## Online book-rental company offers cheap textbooks

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Every August, Iowa State University students venture back to campus and incoming freshmen begin adjusting to college life. The cost of textbooks is a constant stress on students’ mind, but an increasing number of students are finding ways to obtain cheaper textbooks.

Online service Chegg Textbook Rentals, *chegg.com*, founded by an ISU alumnus, is one of the resources students use to decrease the costs of their textbook purchases.

Aayush Phumbhra, co-founder of Chegg, graduated from Iowa State in 2004 with an MBA in marketing and accounting. Because he was an international student and had no fi-

nancial aid, when it came time to buy textbooks every semester he said he found himself wishing there was a cheaper alternative to the campus bookstores.

In 2003, Phumbhra started an online classifieds service for local students. As Phumbhra’s service became more well-known, he wondered what could help save students more money. A textbook rental service was his answer, since renting a textbook can be cheaper than buying a used one. Renting has now become the foundation for Chegg’s current Web site and its success.

The company’s name comes from the combination of the words “chicken and egg” referring to the question, “Which came first, the

chicken or the egg?” Phumbhra said this is a common problem for graduates who begin to realize that they need experience to get a job but can’t get a job without prior experience. This stuck as a short, simple name.

Today, Phumbhra said Chegg saves students 65 to 85 percent purchasing textbooks, and so far it has saved students at 6,000 campuses about \$42 million. For example, a book that would normally cost about \$100 could be found on Chegg for about \$30 to \$40, he said. Another benefit of using Chegg is that it ships books quickly. The return process is also simple: Print off the free return label, go to a UPS store and ship the books back for free.

If for any reason a student is not

satisfied with his or her textbook, or if he or she decides to drop the class, Chegg offers a 30-day any-reason guarantee. Students can chat online, e-mail or call Chegg headquarters with questions or problems and will be allowed to send the textbooks back at no cost to them.

Not only are students saving money on their textbooks, they are also contributing to an environmental cause. Chegg plants a tree for every book rented.

“We know students love the environment,” Phumbhra said. “Every year a student consumes almost one acre in trees for the books they purchase.”

Renting textbooks also helps the environment by giving the books multi-

ple uses. Since its beginning, Chegg has planted 850 acres of trees.

Tyler Mootz, freshman in music \$150 off the Iowa State University Book Store’s prices. “Shipping is really fast, and prices are incredibly low,” Mootz said.

Looking toward the future, Phumbhra said he would like to continue expanding the catalog of books beyond its current 2.4 million titles.



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# Backfield Battles

## Quarterback, running back spots remain contested

By Justin Nutter  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

As the 2009 college football season approaches, anticipation of legendary coach Bill Snyder's return to the sideline isn't the only thing heating up around Snyder Family Stadium.

With K-State's season opener against Massachusetts just 11 days away, players have begun closing in on No. 1 spots on Snyder's depth chart. While the Wildcat head coach has yet to name starters at several positions, fans' primary focus has seemingly shifted to the offensive backfield.

Last season, there was never any doubt about who would be taking snaps on the Wildcats' offensive unit. But when 2008 signal-caller Josh Freeman departed for the NFL, the position was left up for grabs. Junior Carson Coffman appeared to be the front-runner for the job after throwing for 334 yards and three touchdowns in the spring game on May 2.

However, sixth-year senior Grant Gregory, a transfer from the University of South Florida, has created some stiff competition for Coffman, and Snyder hasn't been able to identify a clear favorite as the starter.

"No decision has been made, and just about every time I seem to think that somebody is starting to pull away, they find a way either to come back to the pack, or the pack tends to close the gap," said Snyder, who enters his 18th year as the Wildcats' head coach after a three-year retirement. "I would say, on any given day, they're probably pretty equal at this point in time."

While Coffman, a product of Peculiar, Mo., has been in a Wildcat uniform longer — he's seen action in 10 games during his K-State career — Gregory has been a student of the game for three more seasons. In a reserve role with the Bulls, the Athens, Ohio, native threw for 384 yards and four scores in two seasons.

Snyder said though the quarterbacks' careers have significant differences, he still sees similarities in their performance.

"They seem to make some of the same mistakes, that part I know," he said. "And they tend to do some of the same good things. Are they different? Yes. They both have experience in different ways."

Though neither quarterback has been able to establish an advantage, Snyder said he intends to name a starter roughly seven days before the Wildcats open their 2009 campaign.

The loss of Freeman, coupled with position changes by junior Lamark Brown and sophomore Logan Dold, has left K-State without its three leading rushers from last season. Senior Keithen Valentine, a starter in last year's season opener, made some headway in the spring game, rushing for 92 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Though he faded from K-State's offense in 2008, the Baton Rouge, La., native appeared to separate himself after his solid spring performance.

But Daniel Thomas, a junior-college transfer, has since arrived in Manhattan and continues to make his case for a starting spot.

"I like Keithen. It almost seems like he cherish-



COLLEGIAN FILE PHOTO

Jeron Mastrud, tight end, lifts up Keithen Valentine, running back, during the last spring game.

es [the challenge]," Snyder said. "He's never backed away from the challenge whatsoever. He's still spirited as a player, he's still trying to provide leadership, and he's remained very competitive."

Last season at Northwest Mississippi Community College, Thomas ran for 618 yards and six touchdowns. He also threw for 450 yards and two scores en route to Junior College All-America honors. When he arrived, there was reason to believe he would try out at quarterback, but Snyder dismissed that theory at K-State Media Day on Aug. 7.

"[Thomas] is a really fun guy to watch," Snyder said. "I think he's going to be a good player. As we all know, he is kind of multifaceted, and he can do a number of things, which makes him more than just a single, isolated threat as just a running back."

Valentine and Thomas, as well as Coffman and Gregory, will each continue to make their cases for the starting position on the Wildcats' offensive unit until the team takes the field for the "K-State Family Reunion" on Sept. 5. Kick-off is slated for 6:10 p.m.

## In the running ...

### QUARTERBACK

**Carson Coffman**  
# 14  
Height: 6-3  
Weight: 212  
Junior

Coffman threw for 334 yards and three touchdowns in the spring game on May 2.



Coffman



Gregory

**Grant Gregory**  
# 6  
Height: 6-1  
Weight: 210  
Senior

A USF transfer, Gregory threw for 384 yards and four touchdowns in two seasons.

### RUNNING BACK

**Keithen Valentine**  
# 25  
Height: 5-8  
Weight: 193  
Senior

Valentine carried the ball 34 times for 129 yards and a touchdown last season.



Valentine



Thomas

**Daniel Thomas**  
# 8  
Height: 6-2  
Weight: 227  
Junior

A Juco All-American two years ago, Thomas ran for six touchdowns and threw for two more.

## Football fans, Snyder need patience

The scenario sounds like something from a storybook.

Legendary head coach Bill Snyder retires and is replaced by Ron Prince. What seems like a great thing at first ends in turmoil, with a combined 0-9 record against rivals Kansas, Nebraska and Missouri and a court battle over a buy-out scandal that now, including legal fees, totals nearly \$7 million.

Luckily Snyder, again playing the role of savior, comes in and rights the ship. He leads his K-State family back into the world of high attendance, national prominence, and of course, bowl games. All is well in Manhattan, and the days of Prince are long forgotten.

The great thing about fairy tales is you can always count on the happy ending coming true. However, can K-State fans trust that their story has a happy ending? That depends on what constitutes a turnaround season, something K-State fans might not all agree on.

Would a six-win season be enough? Eight? Does success only come with a nine- or even a 10-win season? Obviously, many fans would be happy to go to a bowl game. Any bowl game. Others are a bit pickier. They want national relevance and a bid in the Big 12 title game — and they want it soon.

On the flip side, say things don't go K-State's way, and they come up with only four wins, or maybe less. Will angry fans call for Snyder's job after one bad year? Is new Athletic Director John Currie chomping at the bit to hire someone new who he is more familiar with?

It's tough to say what fans will do when they aren't happy with their team. One would think fans would give Snyder the benefit of the doubt, knowing what he built here and that his formula for building a program is not an overnight process. Wins might not come easy for a team picked to finish fifth in the Big 12 North division.

However, a close examination of K-State's football schedule shows plenty of opportunities for the Wildcats to win games. Home games against Colorado and Texas A&M and a neutral site game against Iowa State are good opportunities for conference wins.

The non-conference slate is a Prince-era holdover, with away games at Louisiana-Lafayette and UCLA, something Snyder would never have scheduled on his own. Assuming the Wildcats start the season 3-1, they have a good shot at becoming bowl eligible by the end of November.

I know fans are eager to watch a winning team, and they have that right. But they also need to remember the level of futility that was achieved before Snyder's first tenure and give him the necessary time to get the job done.

Whether he wins eight games or three, the K-State faithful that supported Snyder's incredible run in the 1990s need to show patience and allow the man to rebuild the program to what it once was. He will most likely need at least three seasons to do it.

If Snyder succeeds, then the fairy tale will come true for K-State fans. If he fails, K-State fans are no worse off than if the athletic department kept Prince around for another year or two.

After all, during his first stint as head coach, Snyder was 13-4 against the Kansas Jayhawks.



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### GROVES NAMED FINALIST FOR NATIONAL AWARD

Former K-State track and field standout Loren Groves has been named as one of 10 finalists for the 2009 NCAA Woman of the Year award. During her Wildcat career, Groves was a four-time All-American and a three-time conference indoor champion.

Groves is one of two Big 12 athletes nominated for the award, as she is joined by Oklahoma State soccer great, Yolanda Odenyo. The winner, decided by the NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics, will be announced at an awards dinner on Oct. 18 in Indianapolis.



Groves

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### FORMER WILDCAT, BEASLEY ENTERS REHAB

Miami Heat forward Michael Beasley has entered a rehabilitation hospital in Houston to address possible substance and psychological issues, multiple media outlets reported Monday.

Beasley, who last year was hit with a \$50,000 fine stemming from an incident at the NBA's annual rookie orientation, checked into an unidentified facility in Houston this past weekend, the reports said, citing unnamed sources.

The Heat and the NBA declined comment to Yahoo! Sports, which first reported the story.



Beasley

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### FLORIDA VOTED NO. 1 BY WIDEST MARGIN IN HISTORY

As Tim Tebow and the Florida Gators prepare to make a run at their third national title in the past four seasons, the defending champions have already made some history.

Florida is No. 1 in The Associated Press preseason Top 25 released Saturday, followed by Texas, Oklahoma, Southern California and Alabama. But the Gators are in a class by themselves, the most overwhelming preseason No. 1 in the history of the media poll.

Florida received 58 of the 60 first-place votes, or 96.7 percent. Texas received the other first-place votes.



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## Student center to open house

**WHAT:**  
International Student Center open house

**WHEN:**  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today

**WHERE:**  
International Student Center

By Tyler Scott  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

K-State's first line of campus events is underway. The International Student Center will sponsor an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. today.

This is just one of many events to encourage students who want to know more information about campus events.

Several international flags from around the world will be hung as students walk in to tour the center. Karl Anderson, international student adviser, said the students should come hungry.

"There will be a lot of food from different parts of the world," Anderson said. "Some will include dishes from Africa."

There will also be giveaways where students can receive gift certificates from an array of places. Outside the International Student Center will be karaoke where students can also show off their singing voices.

The International Student Center is located near the intersection of Mid-Campus Drive and Claflin Road.



## Manhattan team takes second in cardboard boat race



Manhattan residents paddle their cardboard boat, The Flame-Bouyant, in Milford Lake earlier this month. The team placed second in the 250-pound vessel.

By Amanda Keim  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

A team of Manhattan residents participated in Float Your Boat (Cardboard Boat Races) and placed second in the Extreme Division on Aug. 15. The team was awarded \$25 and a trophy.

The race took place at Milford Lake and was divided into four divisions. Only two teams competed in the Extreme Division: the Young Professionals from Junction City and The Flame-Bouyant from Manhattan.

Boats for the race could be constructed of only two materials: cardboard and duct tape. Only human power, like the use of oars and paddles, could be used to move the boat forward.

Rick Dykstra, assistant director of the Geary County Convention and Visitors Bureau, said the arrival of The Flame-Bouyant was one of the most memorable experiences he has had in the three-year history of the races. Dykstra was sitting near the entrance to the race when he noticed

the K-State trailer pull up.

He said all eyes were drawn to the trailer and the entrance made by the Manhattan team.

Brandi Walborn, senior in mechanical engineering, said the boat ended up weighing 250 pounds and had to be lifted by crane from the building where it was constructed.

"We built such a large boat that we were pretty much the only boat there that came in a trailer," Walborn said. "We had chairs and cup holders built into the boat – we just tried to be as ridiculous as possible."

The team placed second out of two competitors.

Dykstra said boats were judged on a combination of things, including design, aesthetics, ability to float with and without team members and performance against the clock. The extreme division required the boat to hold four team members, but The Flame-Bouyant constructed a boat that held all six team members.

"Seeing as we got [the boat] done the night before – mathematically and according to the



The team unloads their boat from their trailer, which turned out to be a one way trip after the boat broke and sunk after it's first day on the water.

equations we had done, it should have floated – but we were still a little nervous [about the boat sinking]," Walborn said.

At the conclusion of the race, Walborn said the team made a last-minute decision to take its cardboard boat out on open water. Unfortunately, the boat collided with a patch of rocks and sunk to the bottom of the lake.

"I am pretty sure everybody on the team had no intention of the boat surviving the day," said Caleb Whitten, senior in mechanical engineering.

"We were all confident that we could finish the race unscathed, but afterward we wanted to push the limits of our boat and see how well we constructed it."

"We quickly discovered that, although the cardboard hull could hold us, it was not very sturdy against the rocks. The sinking was pretty comical, and I clearly remember thinking that I was glad I would not need to lift the 250-pound boat up the hill and back to the trailer."

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# THE EDGE

## Fashion fads: hard rock, chic

### New fall trends stylish, comfortable

To start the school year off right, there are a few tips to keep your wardrobe up to date. The great thing about trends this fall is that you do not have to spend a fortune to be fashionable.

The focus this season is a mix between hard rock and feminine sophistication; finding new ways to combine these styles will result in a trendy, current fall look.

Accessories are the perfect way to update any outfit. Use big jewels that make a statement to take an outfit from plain to chic.

Experiment with saturated, bold colors; add glitter and sequins for nights out. Use sky-high heels and skinny jeans to instantly perk up any casual outfit.

Do not be afraid of short. Minis are back with a vengeance this season. This mod-inspired trend can work on anyone if done right. Look for fun prints and feminine details like bows and ruffles.

Two ways to add hard rock flair to any wardrobe are leather jackets and distressed jeans. Combine a leather jacket with a ruffled blouse or skirt to give it a touch of femininity and softness. Dis-

tressed jeans are tricky to buy. Don't forget that if they are too distressed it can look like a cat attacked your jeans.

Another way to do hard rock is to add metal details like zippers, grommets and chains to an otherwise basic outfit. Clutches, shoes and jewelry with hard rock twists take an ensemble to the next level.

Feminine details are another way to stay in style this season. Tailored and structured pieces counteract the rocker details on the other end of the spectrum. One easy way to sport this trend is with a blazer or — to be more comfortable — a long cardigan. Both are easy pieces to wear and mix well with other outfits in your closet.

For those who prefer the slouchy look popularized by Katie Holmes, get excited because it is an easy and effortless way to look trendy and comfortable. The trick to make an item look sexy and not oversized or ill-fitting is to keep one element of your outfit fitted. If you want your top half a little baggy, keep the pants close to the body, and if you want to wear more loosely fitted jeans, wear a more fitted T-shirt.

Prints are an essential for this season. Everything from geometric- and vintage-inspired to floral and animal print is in this season.

One fashion “do” that transcends all trends is to make sure your outfit flatters you. If your clothes fit you and are flattering, you will look and feel better.



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## Credit cards can help students build credit, budget skills

Almost every college student knows what it's like to be broke and struggling for money. Credit cards might seem like the perfect solution — free money to use that you do not have to pay back until later.

A problem arises when students don't know when to stop, and by the time they graduate and enter the job market, they are already thousands of dollars in debt.

According to *SallieMae.com*, 84 percent of students have at least one credit

card, and the average debt on that card is \$1,645. To pay off that debt, a person would have to work 227 hours at minimum wage. With interest, the debt just keeps piling up.

However, when credit cards are not abused, they can come in handy when there's an emergency and they help build credit. So how do you stop yourself from misusing your credit card?

Sloane Stringer, customer service associate with CoreFirst Bank & Trust,

said cardholders should use their credit card for small purchases, like gas.

Stringer also said students should pay off the entire balance each month so the interest does not build up. If people are worried about overspending, they should get a card with a low limit and create a strict budget, Stringer said.

The government recently passed a bill that, among other things, restricts the use of credit cards by young people. People under 21 must have a parent or guardian co-sign with them, so if they rack up charges they can't pay, their parents are responsible

for the payment. If there is no one to co-sign, then proof of sufficient funds must be provided.

This bill could possibly make parents more hesitant to co-sign with their children and could make students more cautious with their spending.

If you don't want to deal with the responsibility of a credit card or don't trust yourself, there are other ways to build credit. If you have roommates, put the bills under your name, as paying bills on time will help your credit. Paying back student loans in a timely manner also helps.

Building good credit is im-

portant, because once you graduate and need loans for that shiny new car or your first house, banks are much more likely to loan you the money if you have established credit.

Credit cards can be addictive, but if you use them well they can help you both now and in the future. So spend wisely and think twice next time the cashier asks you “cash or credit?”



MELISSA SHORT

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## New antique store offers Manhattan a touch of creativity

By Shelton Burch  
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T-La-Re, a shop that sells antiques and old-fashioned goods, has officially opened in Manhattan.

The shop, located at 2047 Fort Riley Blvd., opened three weeks ago. The items sold in the shop can be used to fill any room of an apartment or house, and it features a wide variety of merchandise like novelties, bookshelves, dressers and knickknacks. Other items include handmade earrings and antique clothes.

Misti LeMoine, T-La-Re's owner, said the shop is meant to be more for the artist than other stores in Manhattan.

“T-La-Re is really meant to add kind of a Lawrence feel to Manhattan,” LeMoine said. “I am as much a K-State fan as anyone is, but if you've ever been to Lawrence, you kind of know the artistic feel it has to it.”

The uncommon name of T-La-Re came from three places. “T” is LeMoine's middle initial and the nickname her husband calls her by. “La” is a variation of the prefix “Le” in her last name. “Re” essentially comes from the business motto that T-La-Re uses: reuse, refresh, repurpose.

That business motto is what LeMoine said makes her shop stand out among other Manhattan businesses.

“The other secondhand stores don't take things and necessarily repurpose them, and that's something that we're going to try and do,” LeMoine said.

The other thing that makes T-La-Re a little different from other places in Manhattan is the staging of the shop. Each section of the store is made to look like a room in a modern household and features items for sale as the furnishings for each “room.”

One section of the shop features an antique couch and in-

cludes other antique items, like coffee tables.

Davelyn Hill, an employee of T-La-Re, said this staging has fascinated customers.

“They haven't seen anything like it,” Hill said.

Hill, an incoming transfer student at K-State and senior in art, also said customers seem to like the way the store reuses items. For example, old magazines are used as gift bows.

“It's a Wal-Mart for the environmentally conscientious,” Hill said.

However, T-La-Re is a creative store at its core. The shop is scheduled to feature a local musician and a local artist every week.

The first of the artists is Amber Holt, who specializes in a variety of art media, including henna. The first music act scheduled is the local band Cloverton on Sept. 15.

The combination of creativity and artistry that has gone into the founding of T-La-Re



Matt Castro | COLLEGIAN

T-La-Re, a shop located at 2047 Fort Riley Blvd., sells antiques and old-fashioned goods. The store, which has an artsy atmosphere, also features merchandise like bookshelves, dressers and knickknacks.

has also created versatility for the shop's audience.

Miriam Clark, Manhattan resident, said T-La-Re targets a variety of ages from college lev-

el up simply because of the vintage and retro items available.

“If you find something here, you know it's unique,” Clark said.



# New study shows plants hold electrical potential

**Uwire**

A process found in plants might contain a new source of electrical energy that could eventually power personal electronics, according to a new study led by UC Berkeley Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering Michel Maharbiz.

The study conducted at UC Berkeley and the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor was funded by grants from The National Science Foundation and the U.S. Army for application in robotics. The study found that evaporating water on plant leaves can be harnessed to produce electricity. Though the amount generated is small, the discovery still has big potential for consumers who might eventually use an advanced form in electronic devices, Maharbiz said.

Plants naturally go through a process known as “transpiration” where they draw water from roots and distribute it to the leaves. The water eventually seeps out and evaporates, according to the study.

Maharbiz said that his team utilized transpiration by creating a glass replica of a leaf, complete with veins. Water flowing through the channels carries a bubble to two electrical circuits that transform friction into an electrical charge.

“I was looking at a book about ferns and how ferns have little structures that shoot spores when the season comes,” Maharbiz said. “I thought we should build a little machine based on that

... it’s a concept that’s never been demonstrated before.”

But some say that further research is necessary before plant-based technology can feasibly be applied to clocks, flashlights and other small devices as Maharbiz says.

Abraham Stroock, associate professor of chemical and bioengineering at Cornell University who works with plants at the molecular level, said in an e-mail that any future breakthroughs in the technology must overcome inherent inefficiencies.

“Bubbles are the worst enemy of the transpiration process [in nature],” he said. “They will often completely halt the flow ... most of this energy input will be lost.”

But he conceded that the technology was still compelling.

“This is a nice example [of] harvesting energy from a fluctuating process in the environment,” Stroock said in the e-mail.

Maharbiz said that follow-up research is already under way, which will deal with more specific obstacles in improving the technique.

“The next step is to have an experiment that uses [few] bubbles,” Maharbiz said. “Bubbles are not feasible for a [long-term] commercial device.”

Although he said in the e-mail that the public is eager to see the outcome of the study, Stroock said that time is needed before concrete results are realized.

“It is not a technological breakthrough, yet,” he said.



Billy Spires, Manhattan, surfs the internet on a Wi-Fi connection off his Game Boy DSi on the stands of Snyder Family Stadium, while he waited to watch his girlfriend perform with the KSU Marching Band Sunday at the Week of Welcome kickoff.

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# Global performers wow ECM



By Tiffany Roney  
KANSAS STATE COLLEGIAN

Cultures collided in a festival of sights and sounds at the International Music & Dance Fest on Monday night.

Performers' countries of origin ranged from the Czech Republic to Japan, and styles of performance ranged from belly dancing and bongo-playing to swagger-filled rap.

Organizations hosted booths while refreshments were served to a crowd of approximately 100 people.

The festival took place at the Ecumenical Campus Ministries and it was hosted by the Union Program Council, the ECM and International Student & Scholar Services.



To see video coverage from the International Music and Dance festival visit our Web site at [www.kstatecollegian.com](http://www.kstatecollegian.com).

Chelsy Lueth | COLLEGIAN

**Staff Johnson**, Christian rap artist from the United States, spits some lines Monday evening at the International Music and Dance Fest which was held outside the Ecumenical Campus Ministry. Students from an array of countries shared with audience members their dance and musical talents. This was the first year the program was held.

# CITY COMMISSION | Fate of land near McCall to be decided

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Murdock said the city had made an offer for the portion of his property needed for the improvements but had not mentioned anything to him about the use of eminent domain.

A work session is also scheduled for tonight's meeting that concerns the economic development of Manhattan. The work session is to include a task force set up by the city and the Chamber of Commerce.

No action will be taken during the work session portion of the meeting.

The commission will meet at 5 p.m. today in the commission room of Manhattan City Hall located at 1101 Poyntz Ave.

The meeting will also be televised on local cable Channel 3. The meeting agenda is also posted to the city Web site at [ci.manhattan.ks.us](http://ci.manhattan.ks.us) under City Commission Agenda.



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**WEEK OF WELCOME**  
*AUGUST 23-29, 2009*

**K-STATE CULTURE DAY**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25**

International Open House • International Student Center • 11 a.m.-2 a.m.

UPC presents Break! The Urban Funk Spectacular • Bosco Student Plaza (rain location: Forum Hall) • noon-1 p.m.

Fun with Chet • Rec Center • 6-8 p.m.

**STUDENT SUCCESS DAY**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26**

K-State HD Wildcat Wellness Wednesday: Stay Hydrated, Happy, & Healthy • UPC Lunchtime Lounge: The Ruckus • noon-1 p.m.

Bosco Student Plaza (rain location: Union Courtyard) • 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Career & Employment Services (CES) Backyard BBQ • Holtz Hall South Lawn • 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

**INVOLVEMENT DAY**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27**

CES Part Time Opportunities Fair • K-State Student Union Ballroom, second floor • 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

K-State Alumni Association Wildcat Welcome Day • K-State Alumni Center • 3-9 p.m.

Union Expo & Activities Carnival "Here's Hollywood at K-State" • K-State Student Union • 6-9 p.m.

**FRIDAY FUN DAY**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28**

Recreational Services presents Get Rec'd • Rec Complex • 7-10 p.m.

UPC Film: Up! • K-State Student Union Forum Hall, ground floor  
Friday 8 p.m. \$1 • Saturday 7 & 9:30 p.m. \$2 • Sunday 8 p.m. \$2

K-State After Hours: License to be Loud Dance • Bosco Student Plaza • 7 p.m.-11 p.m.

**SERVICE DAY**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29**

K-State Volunteer Center of Manhattan the Aggieville Business Association and the United Way of Riley County present Live-Serve-Celebrate UNITED. • Aggieville's Triangle Park • Free United Way luncheon from 11 a.m.-noon

• Service projects from 12:30-4 p.m. • Celebration from 4:30-6 p.m.

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